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The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" On the very day I came to know of it, I called for a report about the cause of the deaths."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask the hon. Minister whether there was cholera at that time in any other part of the town ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I am not aware of it."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether any bacteriological examination was made ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Did the result of the bacteriological investigation show that the deaths were due to cholera ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know how many deaths had taken place in that area during the one month previous to the occurrence ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know whether the cholera that broke out at Erode was in an epidemic form or not ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" The report does not say much about that, but I believe it was in an epidemic form."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know whether it was not a fact that the Collector of the district told the authorities that the deaths were due to cholera ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I have no such information."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" May I know whether there was any conflict in the report from the Collector or the Health Officer of the district and the report of the Chemical Examiner of the Government ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" No conflict so far as I know."

Girls' schools in Chidambaram.

* 237 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many girls' schools there are in Chidambaram town ; how many higher elementary schools and secondary schools for girls are there ; how many of them are maintained by the Government, by municipal council and under private management ;

(*b*) how many classes there are in the Government girls' school ; whether all teachers of the school are trained ; whether there are any male teachers ; how old are they and what are their qualifications ;

(*c*) whether any complaint was received by the Inspectress of Schools about ill-treatment given by the Headmaster to the women employed in the Government girls' school to conduct the school girls from their homes ; and

(*d*) whether the Government are prepared to take steps not to give room to such complaint by employing proper teachers when female teachers are now available?

A.—(*a*) There are eight elementary schools of which one is of the higher elementary grade; seven are maintained by the Municipal Council and one by the C.S. Mission. There is no secondary school.

(*b*) The Government are not maintaining any girls' school at Chidambaram at present. The hon. Member presumably refers to the late Government girls' school transferred to the management of the Municipal Council, Chidambaram, in 1923. There are eight standards in the school and all the teachers are trained except the music mistress. There is only one male teacher who is the headmaster; his age is 56 and he has passed the 7th standard and is the holder of a Trained Teachers' Certificate of the special upper primary grade.

(*c*) It is reported that no such complaint has been received.

(*d*) Does not arise.

Revision of the pay of Assistant Professors.

* 238 *Q.*—Mr. T. Sundara Rao Nayudu: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any action has been taken to improve the conditions of Assistant Professors in the Educational Department since Sir M. Krishnan Nayar moved a resolution in the matter in March 1927;

(*b*) whether at present, as many as 80 per cent of the cadre are drawing a salary of Rs. 170 and less in the scale of Rs. 125—5—175—$7\frac{1}{2}$—250, including several who have put in 10 to 15 years' service; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to improve their pay?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 91.

(*b*) & (*c*) No.

Fisheries

Recruitment of petty yard officers.

* 239 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the rules governing recruitment to the Subordinate Fisheries Service contemplate direct recruitment in the case of petty yard officers;

(*b*) whether the applicants should have worked in a fish-curing yard, before appointment;

(*c*) whether peons working in the fish-curing yards are eligible for appointment on promotion as petty yard officers;

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether there is a sufficient number of peons competent to fill the posts of petty yard officers;

(*e*) whether the Government have made any provision for training in the fish-curing yards for candidates applying for the posts of petty yard officers; and